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ISSUE INTRODUCTION BY ICLL DIRECTOR, HON PROFESSOR GLEN PHILLIPS, BEd Hons, MEd, PhD.

In this 2018/9 Issue of *Landscapes*, Journal of the International Centre for Landscape and Language, our Issue Editor is David Gray¹ of Sweden's Dalarna University College where he teaches in the English Department of the School of Humanities and Media. David joins previous editors and Principals of the ICLL, Professors Andrew Taylor, John Kinsella, Yang Yongchun and Drew Hubbell and Dr John Charles Ryan as executive editors for our e-journal of some twenty years' existence here at Edith Cowan University, Perth, Western Australia.

Professor Hubbell has given much time to smoothing the transition from his recent stewardship over the last two years to ensure that David has more than maintained the Journal's standards of which we have all become jealously proud. We thank both David and Drew for their steadfast support for *Landscapes* and their immeasurable contribution to the International Centre for Landscape and Language these past several years.

As in previous issues, the core of the journal's content is the group of research essays focussed on landscape themes, while the 'language' component is well represented mainly by short stories and poetry on a wide range of topics. Our editorial consultants and referees have worked hard to select and improve the content of this issue and we thank them profusely and sincerely. We are also advised by Executive Dean Professor Clive Barstow of the School of Arts and Humanities and thank him for his encouragement in particular for the growing internationalisation of *Landscapes*. It is our policy to further extend the international links for the journal and we have begun discussions with a former ECU 'post-doc' scholar, Professor Ryszard W Wolny, Director of the Institute of English and American Studies and Head of Department of

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Anglophone Cultures at the University of Opole, Poland, with a view to enlisting his support.

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